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Family's memorial to young cyclist warns of dangers of road

'GHOST' BIKE TRIBUTE TO KIT

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THE family of a 20-year-old cyclist who was killed after cutting in front of a moving lorry have installed a 'ghost' bike at the place he died to remind drivers and cyclists of the dangers of the road.

Kit Isambard Pentlow was cycling on the A422 Hennef Way in Banbury on November 4 when the incident occurred, an inquest heard yesterday.

Witnesses reported seeing him "wobbling" along the three lane carriageway in Ermont Way and seeming oblivious to all traffic around him.

He then cut in front of a heavy goods vehicle, just before it pulled out onto a roundabout, and was knocked off his bike and dragged under the vehicle.

The inquest also heard Mr Pentlow had been on drugs and playing on his mobile phone while cycling.

Coroner for Oxfordshire Darren Salter said: "This is a tragic accident to have occurred but the evidence points to the likelihood that Kit was intoxicated to some extent by the use of drugs.

"He moved from the near side of the HGV to the offside, something I don't think anyone expected."

A toxicology report showed Mr Pentlow, who lived in Alma Road, Banbury, had taken drugs that day as traces of heroin, cocaine, cannabis and Diazepam were found in his blood.

Mr Salter said this would have led to him having poor control of his bike and a slow reaction time.

Sister Clemency, 22, and dad David attended the inquest. Following Mr Pentlow's death they installed a white 'ghost' bike on the road where he died.

Miss Pentlow said after the inquest: "Kit was an intelligent, witty young man."

"He has left a special mark in the hearts of people he knew and met."

"As a memorial to him and a reminder to drivers and other cyclists of the dangers of the road, we have put up a white 'ghost' bicycle at the location of the accident."



The 'ghost' bicycle on the road where Kit Pentlow, below, died



"The bicycle is a symbol of the love friends and family have for him, where flowers are left in his memory."

The HGV driver, Wayne Gilbert, spoke of the moment he first saw Mr Pentlow.

Mr Gilbert said: "He seemed unaware of me. I stayed a good car length behind him as I could not overtake safely. The cyclist was swerving along the carriageway. He was pressing his screen like he was texting. He was all over the place."

Mr Gilbert said he made sure it was safe to overtake before doing so, and kept an eye on Mr Pentlow in his mirrors until he was a good 30 feet away.

He arrived at the roundabout, in the third lane in Ermont Way. He said he did not see Mr Pentlow again.

Mr Gilbert added: "I pulled away and was still checking. In seconds I heard a scraping sound. I first thought it was the truck or trailer. I checked all mirrors. Then I saw the wheels of a bike go under my wheels. At that point I had not felt a bump or anything. I jumped out. I could see the body between the second and third wheel. It was obvious there was nothing I could do."

Mr Salter concluded a death by road traffic collision.

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Liquid lunch in a literal sense



From left, Tony Bass, Sian Harris and chef Eddie Buswell who prepared the liquefied meal

IT might not be a traditional "liquid lunch", but for Sian Harris it certainly looks good enough to eat.

When the mother-of-two was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2013, she was told by doctors that she could no longer eat solid food.

Since then the seemingly normal treat of going out for food has proved more of a mission.

But staff at one bar took it upon themselves to make life a little easier – by preparing a liquefied version of a full English roast.

Ms Harris has worked at the

Carpenters Arms in Middle Barton as a cleaner since the bar reopened at the end of last year, working a couple of hours a week.

And after staff heard about her condition, they surprised her by coming up with a non-solid form of the traditional Sunday classic for her last weekend.

Ms Harris, from Enstone, said: "If I'm going out to restaurants I always have to pre-plan and take food, something that I can have."

After coming in for dinner with her two girls, the 44-year-old, who works as a barber, was offered a

selection of bowls including favourites carrots, parsnips, red cabbage, cauliflower cheese, broccoli, potato and roast turkey.

In terms of meals, the lunch was a leap into the unknown for Ms Harris, who often orders soups when she goes out for food. She added: "I will definitely be eating here more often as they have gone to the trouble to make it."

Landlord Tony Bass, who has run the pub since December, said: "We would do the same for anybody really if people want to phone in beforehand."

Postmaster saves mum from flames

Man praised by fire chief for quick action when blaze starts in kitchen

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Firefighters at the scene in Bloxham High Street

A BLOXHAM postmaster grabbed his elderly mother and dashed out of their post office after flames threatened to fill the building.

Suresh Kumar was working at the High Street shop on Thursday afternoon when his mother Ranji Kana, 75, ran in to tell him a fire had started in the kitchen at the back.

Mrs Kana, who lives with her son in the first-floor flat, had peered into the room and found electrical sockets on fire, with flames licking the ceiling.

Her son tried to put the fire out with an extinguisher but with black smoke billowing through the building he grabbed his mother and ran.

Mr Kumar said: "I was in the post office and when my mother told me I quickly called the fire service and got her out.

"I grabbed the fire extinguisher and managed to put out most of the fire but there was still smoke everywhere.

The flames did not spread from the kitchen and cause any damage to the post office.

Paramedics were also on the scene, and although Mr Kumar's mother was treated for smoke inhalation she did not require hospital treatment.

Mr Kumar's wife Rajula, son Reshie, eight, and daughter Sayal, six, were left without electricity and are still waiting for it to be turned back on.

Mr Kumar, 45, said: "We'd real-

ly like to thank our neighbours for their support. A lot offered to put us up for the night because we didn't have any power.

"It was lucky that my mother noticed it at such an early stage. It really started to spread quickly."

"There were a lot of people on the street when they saw the smoke coming out."

The post office was open for business as usual yesterday, despite the family relying on a temporary generator for electricity.

Incident commander John Callaway, from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue, said it was "sheer chance" the pair got out when they did.

He said: "I cannot express how lucky the residents were."

"There was a smoke alarm in the property but the battery had been removed."

"Her son initially did the right thing by calling us out, but then like many people are tempted to do, returned to fight the fire himself."

"We would always advocate that in the event of fire, occupants should get out, stay out and call us out."

Hospital traffic claim

MORE patients from the north of the county need to be given treatment at the Horton General Hospital while roadworks are taking place outside the county's other main hospital in Oxford, a campaign group has claimed.

Keith Strangwood, chairman of Keep the Horton General, said it was unfair on patients to have to spend at least an hour looking for a parking space at the John Radcliffe hospital.

It comes after the county council closed a lane on the A44 between the Pear Tree and Wolvercote roundabouts for three months, and increased roadworks by the Cutteslowe roundabout.

Mr Strangwood said: "We are particularly concerned about the

potential for the death of a patient, conveyed by ambulance to the John Radcliffe hospital, being delayed en route."

The chairman also said he would welcome talks with county council transport leader David Nimm-Smith about helping ambulances during the roadworks.

He added: "As though this isn't bad enough, patients are now being sent JR appointment letters with the advice that they should 'allow at least an hour to find a parking space'."

"If ever there was a time that the Oxford University Hospitals Trust woke up to the fact that patients from the north of the county should be treated at the Horton General Hospital, this is it."

Bleak future for BHS staff

BANBURY: Staff at BHS in Banbury face a bleak future after the under-threat chain announced on Monday it had filed for administration.

The high street department store confirmed the move following rumours over the weekend, with 164 branches and 11,000 jobs at risk across the country. The company shut its Oxford branch after a long-running saga but remains in Castle Quay Shopping Centre.

The department store is one of the centre's highest-profile outlets.

BHS has debts of more than £1.3bn, including a pension fund deficit of £571m.

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Run fundraiser around airbase boosts charity

HUNDREDS of runners raised £1,000 for charity whilst getting an inside look at the Upper Heyford Airbase.

About 800 fundraisers made their way round the hangars for the Race at the Base event which was held to raise funds for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

The race hoped to give runners a behind-the-scenes look at the former US Air Force base and saw runners take to the runways and weave round the hangars to tackle a 5k, 10k or half marathon route.

Thames Valley Air Ambulance supporter fundraising manager Kate Martin said: "Thames Valley Air Ambulance takes great pride in the support it gets from businesses within our catchment area."

"It was great to see Dorchester Living pairing up with one of our long standing supporters Purple Patch Running to put on an event of this magnitude and use it to raise vital funds for our service."

A number of activities including children's funfair rides were also staged to help raise funds for the air ambulance emergency service.

The Thames Valley service launched in 1999 and has so far flown more than 15,000 missions. It relies entirely on donations from the communities of Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire and this year launched a £4.5m helicopter which means the charity can run more night flights.

Aid good cause

CUSTOMERS at Morrisons can enjoy tea and cake while raising funds for Sue Ryder as part of the store's Communi-Tea Party.

On April 29 and 30 the store, in Swan Close Road, will be hosting a Dress Blue for Sue day with staff selling tasty treats in exchange for donations to the charity.

On April 28 the store's cafe will sell vanilla or chocolate tray bake, with funds raised also going to Sue Ryder.

Performers take to stage in memory of councillor

Singers, musicians and dancers wow the crowd in mayor's annual showcase

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COMEDIANS, dancers and even a saw-themed musician all took the stage for this year's Banbury Town Mayor Variety Show on Saturday.

This year the annual showcase was held in memory of former Banbury town councillor Ann Bonner, who passed away at 62 last August.

More than 100 people crammed into Banbury Town Hall to help raise money for the Katharine House Hospice – where Mrs Bonner spent time before her death.

About £2,300 was raised through ticket sales and events on the night.

Town Mayor Tony Mepham said: "There was lots of music, entertainment and dancing for people to watch.

"There was even a woman who was playing music using a saw.

"We also had a raffle which everyone dug deep for.

"It was a fantastic effort from everyone involved."

More funding will be provided by Mrs Bonner's former employers – Bibby Financial Services – who have a branch in Horne Fair.

She had served on Oxfordshire County Council previously and was also a councillor of Cherwell District Council.

Barry Wood, leader of the district council, called her a "great friend" and said her passing had been a "terrible blow" for everyone who knew her.

She passed away at the hospice,



Performers at the Banbury Variety Show including singers the Fortune Cookies, above, and Sharon Green's Dance Academy, below left



leaving behind her husband Derek, son James and two grandchildren.

The annual variety show comes two weeks before Mr Mepham has to pass over the reins to his mayoral successor.

As one of the final acts of his mayoralship, Mr Mepham will also reveal the winners of this year's Community Awards on May 10.

Prizes will be given out for community organisation of the year, volunteer of the year and young volunteer of the year.

The closing date for nominations is Friday and forms are available from the town hall.

Speaking previously to the *Banbury Cake*, Mr Mepham said: "I'm aware that charities, local clubs

and organisations could not exist without volunteers who freely and tirelessly work to help those in need. Often the work they do goes unnoticed and unrewarded.

"I'm asking people to nominate an organisation that makes a huge difference to the community, and would like that group to be recognised for the work it does."

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Honour Walk hope for Poppy Appeal

AN "HONOUR walk" could help the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal for Oxfordshire raise a record amount for injured servicemen and veterans.

In 2014/2015 supporters of the RBL in the county raised a record £560,475.17.

The Poppy Appeal runs from October until the end of September and so far this year collectors and fundraising events have brought in £528,870.70.

Mark Garwood, community fundraiser for Oxfordshire, said he hoped hundreds of people would take part in the first Honour Walk in Shotover Country Park, near Oxford, on Saturday, July 16, to make this year another record-breaker.

He added: "It would be great if hundreds of people turned up and took part and thousands of pounds was raised.

"I would like to think people taking part in the walk could raise the majority of the remaining amount needed for us to top last year's record-breaking total."

Father-of-two Mr Garwood, from Carterton, said people could choose one of three different trails – the red trail for young children covering a quarter of a mile, the yellow trail which is 1.6 miles and



Mark Garwood, Community Fundraiser for the Royal British Legion in Oxfordshire

the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, which took place during the First World War from July to November 1916.

By the end of July 1, the first day of the battle, there were about 60,000 British casualties.

Money raised through the Poppy Appeal and events including the Honour Walk funds the RBL's work supporting anyone serving in the Armed Forces, or anyone who has previously served, and their families.

Mr Garwood added: "People can also contact their local branches and set up their own fundraising events or they can donate via the RBL website."

"They can also take part in sponsored runs and sponsored events throughout the year."

As a result of the public's support during the past year the RBL answered more than 450,000 calls for help from the Armed Forces community.

The RBL spends £1.4m a week on its welfare services to help families and veterans, whether they are living with an injury or illness, coping with bereavement or finding employment.

For more information about the Honour Walk email mgarwood@britishlegion.org.uk

Strictly Banbury dancers limber up for final

FAKE tan and glitter applied liberally, dance shoes donned and routines mastered, the contestants of this year's Strictly Banbury competition are nervously awaiting the three-day live final this weekend.

Organiser Glenda Harper said she would feel like a "proud mother" after seeing all 19 of this year's participants – most of whom have never danced in their lives – take to the stage to perform the Viennese waltz and the cha-cha.

She said: "They have all really improved. They are getting the performance element now and the foot action. At the beginning a lot of the men said no to fake tan but now they're already booking their appointments."

Contestants from all walks of life have signed up for this year's Strictly Banbury to raise money for Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Organised by Step by Step dance school in Oxford, the show partners local heroes with experienced dancers in the style of popular BBC show Strictly Come Dancing.

The event has already raised nearly £7,100 for the charity and hopes to reach £10,000. One contestant is also raising money for charity Age UK and has gathered more than £500.

Ms Harper said: "The most exciting bit will be seeing everybody. When they came in on the first week you could see they looked petrified. There was that look on their faces, 'why on earth have I done this'."

"Then they have to go out of their comfort zone with glitter on, get on stage, and I feel like a proud mother. They have done so well. It's going to be lovely watching."

The show comes two weeks after the live final of Strictly Oxford 2016, which was held for one night at the New Theatre.

But Strictly Banbury is being held over three nights – on Friday, Saturday and Sunday – at the town's Mill Arts Centre.



The Strictly Banbury contestants perfect their moves during rehearsals.

It used to be held for two nights only but tickets sold out within weeks of going on sale.

Ms Harper wants to say a special thank you to Bannatynes Spa and Gym, one of the show's sponsors this year, for allowing the group to train there each week.

She said: "They have been fantastic sponsors, so helpful and lovely."

Tickets cost £17.50 and can be bought on 01295 279002.

Pictures: Martin Farmer



Party also pledging to help Banbury retain its character by campaigning against use of greenbelt land for building projects

Election pledge set to see Greens resist service cuts

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A PROMISE to resist any further cuts to vital services is at the forefront of the North Oxfordshire Green Party's manifesto, published last week.

The party has promised to protect the NHS and Horton General Hospital against any funding cuts and campaign against the use of greenbelt land for building projects.

It comes ahead of the local elections on Thursday, May 5, which will see Green members trying to win seats on parish, town and city councils.

Branch party chairman and candidate for Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote, John Haywood, said that he wanted Banbury to thrive as a shopping district while also maintaining its character.

He added: "Plans for the redevelopment of the town centre lack any real imagi-



North Oxfordshire Green Party manifesto launch at Banbury Cross

nation in improving cultural amenities."

Ian Middleton, who is standing for the Bicester North and Caversfield ward and Kidlington Dogwood parish council seats, said: "I am proud to be standing for the Green Party in May."

"Greens were the only party to put forward a fully costed alternative budget that would have prevented the need for all these damag-

ing cuts." He added: "With greater representation in local government I'm convinced we can make a positive difference to the future of everyone in North Oxfordshire."

Another key issue of concern for the party has been the need to protect green fields sites against developers to keep them as wildlife habitats and green spaces.

Bicester North and Ambro-

sden candidate Roger Nixon said: "We will protect areas such as Gavray Meadows in Bicester against future development."

The party has 30 candidates taking part in elections in North Oxfordshire.

All Cherwell District Council and Banbury Town Council seats will be up for election.

There will also be a vote to decide the next Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley area.

The area's Conservative and Labour party branches have already published their manifesto ahead of the elections.

The Conservatives have promised to improve safety and more affordable homes, as well as encouraging more businesses to move into Banbury and Bicester town centres.

While in Labour's manifesto there were pledges to increase the amount of free car parking available, and to also continue their opposition to fracking.

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Cadets to walk

BANBURY: Banbury Sea Cadets will hold a second 11.5km sponsored walk around the town to raise funds.

On Monday, May 30, a gaggle of current sea cadets, parents and supporters will walk the Banbury Fringe, starting at the Oxford Canal towpath opposite BHS and going past Castle Quay, Tooley's Boatyard, Salt Way, Giant's Cave park, Withycombe Farm and the Mineral Railway.

All funds will go towards the running costs of the sea cadets, which caters for scores of local young people. It faced a serious funding crisis last year.

For details call 07786 167213.

Wartime event

BANBURY: Partygoers are invited to pull on stockings and pack up their troubles for a free night of 40s-inspired fun at Naomi's Cafe Bar.

The venue in Bridge Street will transform into a wartime shelter for its Back to the Blitz evening on Friday.

The event runs from 7.30pm until midnight.

For more information call 01295 259795.

Group's ramble

N OXON: The Banbury and North Oxfordshire Ramblers hold their annual May Bank Holiday walk on Monday.

The route will start in Brailes and will take walkers over Mine Hill, Brailes Hill and Castle Hill.

It will be led by an experienced walker and will start at 10am in the car park of Brailes village hall.

Dogs are welcome on short leads.

Find bargains

GREAT ROLLRIGHT: A community yard sale will be held on Sunday with more than 15 houses taking part.

It runs from 10am to 2pm at the village hall and surrounding homes.

Organisers are offering bargains at every stall, with a bacon roll or piece of cake in the cafe.

Concern at lack of nurses at hospital

THE situation at Chipping Norton Community Hospital has gone "from bad to worse" as the county council announces the facility does not have enough nurses.

Member of the Chipping Norton Hospital Action Group (HAG) Clive Hill said the situation was causing a lot of concern in the town.

He said: "So now there will be no intermediate care in this part of North Oxfordshire because they have stopped taking patients with clinical needs. Basically the beds will become care home beds."

Earlier this year the council made the decision to have 14 hospital beds in Chipping Norton to be managed by the Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT) charity rather than the NHS.

The campaign group members were strongly against the idea, and said they did not want to see the removal of the "expert" NHS workers.

But now the council has said it will be temporarily stopping the intermediate care due to a few nurses leaving for new jobs.

Mr Hill added: "OCC and OSJCT have had months to sort this out and have made a complete mess of it just as we predicted they would. The problem is people in the community are the ones to pay the price."

Intermediate care, which is what the hospital currently provides, is for people who



Chipping Norton Community Hospital

have an illness or injury that does not require them to be in an acute bed, for example in the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. It also acts as a bridge between more intensive care and a person returning home.

Keeping on the NHS nurses would cost the council £1.3m whereas having nurses from the Order of St John would cost £800,000.

Oxfordshire County Council is currently looking at ways to save £50m from the council budget by the year 2019/2020 and is reviewing all of its services.

Plans to replace staff and decrease the number of beds at Chipping Norton hospital is thought to help with the necessary cost-saving.

The council has saved about £204m since 2010 and needs to save another £88m by 2017/18.

Cyclist completes nine-day, 874-mile ride to raise more than £7,000 for young homeless project

Printer's marathon cross country pedal



John Assheton travelling towards Shap Fell in Cumbria

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A PRINTER from near Banbury has completed a mammoth 874-mile cycle ride across the country while attempting to raise £10,000 for a local young persons' charity.

John Assheton, from Milton, spent nine days pedalling from Land's End to John O'Groats in support of the Banbury Young Homelessness Project (BYHP).

His pain-staking journey began on the south coast on April 12 with wife Amanda, and the pair arrived at their final destination last Wednesday, a day ahead of schedule.

So far the 51-year-old has raised £7,000 for the charity, which helps vulnerable people aged 13 to 25 to find a safe place to live and provides advice about different services available to them.

Mr Assheton was inspired to take on the challenge after his wife took on the route five years ago, and has been training since the end of last year.

He said: "It's something that I've had in the back of my mind for years.

"A friend of mine was going to cycle the route 30 years ago and I offered to do it with him, but in the end unfortunately it didn't happen."

After injuring his knee in a skiing accident a few years ago, the father-of-three took up cycling to help him recover.



John Assheton setting off on his cycling challenge

when I was doing 90. I just learnt to keep going and it's quite eye-opening to see what people like me can do."

Mr Assheton chose to raise money for BYHP after hearing about the work the charity was doing to support young people in Banbury.

He said: "BYHP is only a small charity and it does some great work.

"It helps young people who may have been let down by their families or society in general.

"It puts them back on the path to get their lives together, and because we have three children, if they were in that situation this would be the port of call they would need."

On the journey itself, he added: "I'm glad the weather was nice, but it was a lot of hard work.

"I would thoroughly recommend it, it was an extraordinary trip."

Head of business at BYHP Tim Tarby-Donald said it was the biggest pledged donation the charity had received in his time there.

He added: "Supporters like John and Amanda are invaluable to the work we do supporting young people locally."

"It is amazing that people want to push themselves to the limit to help us continue our work."

The charity requires more than £200,000 every year to fund family mediation, counselling, housing advice and employability training.

■ To donate to the charity go to uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnAssheton

Residents to join rally against development

A RALLY against development on Oxfordshire's countryside will be held in Woodstock this weekend.

Rural Oxfordshire Action Rally (ROAR) said the theme was "you are not alone", with campaigners hoping to highlight groups across the county dealing with the same issues.

The rally starts at 11am on Saturday outside Woodstock Town Hall.

There will be speakers from concerned local groups in Kidlington, Woodstock, North Abingdon, Adderbury, Gavray Meadows and South Oxfordshire, including members of the county-wide coalition Need Not Greed Oxon.

ROAR chairman Peter Jay, who will be opening the rally, said: "I shall outline the general case that the emerging regime under the Oxfordshire

Local Enterprise Partnership is a private racket driven by commercial interests without a shred of democratic or other public legitimacy.

"A proper balance between planning criteria and economic ambitions needs to be restored with local communities given a proper voice.

"The present shameless free-for-all is not providing the housing that is needed.

"The government's own

website shows that even those on average earnings and able to find a 20 percent mortgage cannot come near affording the starting prices upwards of £250,000 being asked in developments all over Oxfordshire.

"Tell the homeless that that's 'affordable'."

Those who wish to speak at the rally should contact Mr Jay by email via info@roartoday.co.uk

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No butts, just pay the fine...

SMOKERS in North Oxfordshire have been warned not to flout litter laws after two people were caught dropping cigarette butts in Banbury town centre.

Enforcement officers from Cherwell District Council were patrolling the area on Thursday when they spotted a man and woman separately drop the ends on to the pavement.

The officers issued both with £75 fines, which must be paid within two weeks.

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act 2005, it is an offence for any litter to be dropped on the ground and is punishable by a fixed penalty notice.

The district council's environmental enforcement manager Mark Harmon said: "In Banbury town centre alone we spend tens of thousands of pounds working to keep the streets clean by removing litter that has been deliberately dropped by members of the public."

"Cigarette butts contribute towards this ongoing problem and although a lot of smokers wouldn't drop rubbish or wrappers on the ground, they would flick a cigarette end."

"With so many bins to choose from it means smokers have no excuse for dropping butts on the ground."

If the pair pay their fine seven days after the offence it will be reduced to £50.

Failure to pay could result in prosecution, and the maximum fine at magistrates' court is £2,500.

Girl Guides fly the flags to celebrate St George's Day



Six-year-old Florence Green of 1st Bloxham Rainbows lines up with standard bearers

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GIRL Guides marched through Banbury to celebrate all things English on St George's Day.

Youngsters from the youth movement were led through the streets by a band before attending a service at St Mary's Church in Horse Fair.

The annual parade drew hundreds of spectators, including proud parents who watched from the side of the road as their children took part.

Tammy Green, of Bloxham, was there to see her daughter Florence carry a flag on behalf of the Rainbows – the youngest section of the guides.

The six-year-old was taking part in her first parade after being in the Rainbows for a year-and-a-half.

Ms Green said: "It was her first time carrying a flag so she was very excited."

"She really enjoyed the singing and the hymns in the church."

"When they got into the church they all lined up in the middle with their flags and sang the national anthem at the end."

"It was really nice."

The parade was one of a number of events that took place across Oxfordshire to mark the feast day of England's patron saint.

Florence, from Bloxham, said: "I really enjoyed carrying the flag. I have been singing the hymns ever since the parade."

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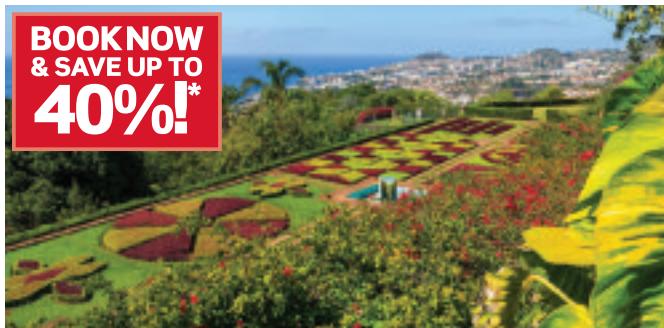
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Tenant pleads guilty to illegal dumping of chairs

A WOMAN dumped two armchairs in a communal bin area despite knowing she was breaking her tenancy agreement.

Amy Southard, from Bretch Hill, in Banbury, pleaded guilty at Banbury Magistrates' Court on Tuesday last week to breaching the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The court heard that on December 15, 2014, two red armchairs were left in the communal bin area at the Bretch Mill maisonettes where the 31-year-old was living.

Daniel Smith, prosecuting on behalf of Cherwell District Council, said the armchairs were found to belong to Southard, who was aware of the procedures in removing bulky waste as she had

previously used the council's collection service.

He added that although the chairs had been removed by Sanctuary Housing, Southard had failed "to take any reasonable steps" to dispose of them lawfully.

Satyanam Singh, defending, told the court the incident was a "one-off offence" and that Southard was "sorry" for her actions.

Southard was handed a 12-month conditional discharge, ordered to pay £200 towards the council's legal fees and pay a £15 victim surcharge.

Chairman of the bench George Greene said: "Things like this leave a mess for other people. You don't want to see that mess so it's not fair for others to see yours."

Lecture on historic battle

HISTORIAN Professor Anne Curry has been announced as the speaker for this year's lecture marking the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt at Banbury Museum.

Prof Curry, who teaches medieval history at the University of Southampton, has worked for years on the archive repositories of England and France and has appeared on several TV and radio programmes.

The battle took place in northern France in 1415, and was an important English victory in the Hundred Year's War. It was also the inspiration

for Shakespeare's Henry V.

Simon Townsend, museum director at Banbury Museum said: "Most of us can recall the Battle of Agincourt from our school book history, if not from Shakespeare's Henry V."

"We are so fortunate to welcome such an authority as Professor Anne Curry to talk on this iconic battle."

The talk will take place on May 12 at the museum's education studio.

Tickets cost £10 per person including a drink on arrival.

Visitors can book tickets for the talk by visiting banburymuseum.org

Beacons shine light on royal celebration

Ceremony at Spiceball Park sets ball rolling on a series of events to mark Queen's 90th birthday



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THE sky above Banbury's Spiceball Park was lit up last Thursday as residents celebrated the Queen's birthday.

Town Mayor Tony Mepham led the first of many local celebrations over the next few months with a beacon lighting ceremony in the park.

About 40 people turned out to join thousands of communities up and down the country which lit beacons to mark the royal milestone.

As the sky turned dark Mr Mepham lit Banbury's beacon at about 9pm, with the flames lighting up the area around the canal.

Speaking after the event, he said: "It was quite a low-key affair because the Queen did not want lots of money spent on events like this."

"There are lots of other events planned for the next few months and we've already had the very successful Clean for the Queen earlier this year."

"I spent time talking to the people who turned up and I read out a message from Prince Charles that everyone lighting the beacons should have read."

"The people there definitely enjoyed themselves even though a few commented that they didn't actually know it was taking place until the day itself."

The beacon was previously used for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Going forward Banbury will be holding its own "proper British party" with a flurry of red, white and blue to cel-

Banbury Town Mayor Tony Mepham lighting the beacon for the Queen's birthday. Picture by Mark Brion. Below, members of the Banbury Old Town Association are looking forward to their Spring Party on the theme of the Queen's 90th birthday



woman Annette Tuckey said this year's event would help show off Banbury as a "vibrant" town.

She said: "We have different themes each year and I thought we would go with the royal theme as it coincided.

"It is always very popular, it is great because we have lots of new people coming into the town and there is a real hub of excitement."

Also, this year's Banbury and District Show will showcase the Queen's birthday with an afternoon of dance, music, and plenty of red, white and blue in Spiceball Park.

There will be two fields packed out from 10.30am to 4.30pm on Sunday, June 12, including arena entertainment, dog shows and a funfair.

ebrate Her Majesty's 90th year.

The annual Old Town Spring Party, on May 7, pulls in thousands each year with the town's market traders adding a royal theme to proceedings.

Banbury Old Town Association chair-

Residents prepare to cast their votes in elections

VOTERS across the Cherwell Valley will go to the polls for council elections and to choose a police and crime commissioner next Thursday.

Voting will take place on May 5 at polling stations across the district, with all 48 seats on Cherwell District Council up for grabs.

It is the first time the Conservative-controlled authority has had elections since a review of ward boundaries was completed last year.

Each ward will elect three councillors, including 12 in Bicester and 15 in Banbury.

Those up for election include: Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote; Banbury Calthorpe & Easington; Banbury Cross & Neithrop; Banbury Grimsbury & Hightown; Banbury Hardwick; Banbury Ruscote; Bicester East; Bicester North & Caversfield; Bicester South & Ambrosden; Bicester West;

be followed by a return to the system of elections by thirds, where one third of councillors would be up for election each year and elected to serve a four-year term.

A series of local town and parish council polls are also due to take place, in Adderbury, Ambrosden, Ardley with Fewcott, Banbury, Blackthorn, Bodicote, Draycote, Hanwell, Launton, Piddington and Stoke Lyne.

At the same time on Thursday, across the whole Thames Valley, residents will also be able to vote for one of four PCC candidates.

The candidates nominated are: Laetitia Carter (Labour Party), John Howson (Liberal Democrat), Anthony Stansfeld (Conservative Party) and Lea Trainer (UK Independence Party).

It is the second time the Thames Valley will elect a police and crime commissioner, after the role

was created in 2012. Mr Stansfeld currently holds the position.

There are 41 PCCs across the country, who are responsible for holding police forces to account and cutting crime.

Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm next Thursday.

After they close, verification of the votes for local elections and the PCC elections will start at 10pm at the Spiceball Leisure Centre in Banbury.

That is expected to continue until the early hours of Friday, May 6, with the count for the PCC elections taking place outside of Cherwell Valley.

However, the count for local elections will be held at the Spiceball Leisure Centre, starting at 10.30am on Friday.

The results are expected to be confirmed by late afternoon.

There are no elections set to take place for Oxfordshire County Council.



Current police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld is re-standing for election next Thursday. Cropredy, Sibfords & Wroxton; Deddington; Fringfords & Heyfords; Kidlington East; Kidlington West; and Launton & Otmoor. This initial election will then

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 Holland, William Hurt, Daniel
 Bruhl, John Kani, Marisa Tomei.
 Directors: Joe Russo, Anthony
 Russo

THE fragile alliance between the Avengers is shattered in the third Captain America film, directed at a breathless pace by brothers Joe and Anthony Russo.

Opening with a flashback to 1991 that sets one major character on their self-destructive path, *Civil War* underscores its bombastic title by pitting former allies against each other in a series of dizzying showdowns that cleave apart the Marvel Comics universe.

A year has passed since the events of *Avengers: Age Of Ultron* and the US secretary of state Thaddeus Ross (William Hurt) insists on the introduction of legislation - The Sokovia Accords - to control the superheroics.

Tony Stark, aka Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), reluctantly submits, telling his compatriots: "I'm doing what has to be done to stave off something worse."

Steve Rogers, aka Captain America (Chris Evans), who has always been a staunch patriot, refuses to sign, fearful of the consequences of the Avengers relinquishing their independence.

The gulf between Stark and Rogers forces the remaining Avengers to take sides.

A battle royale between the two factions unfolds just as a diabolical new enemy, Baron Zemo (Daniel Bruhl), threatens mankind.

Captain America: Civil War could easily trim 20 minutes from its bloated running time

without diminishing the impact of the special effects sequences or the pivotal plot twists.

The Russo brothers choreograph destruction on a grand scale.

Evans and Downey Jr. puff out their chests for supremacy in every lavish frame.

DEMOLITION (15) Comedy/
 Drama/Romance. Jake
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GRIEF, we're told, comes in many different forms.

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Demolition, the new comedy drama from *Wild And Dallas Buyers Club* director Jean-Marc Vallee, offers neither trope for its anti hero, Davis Mitchell (Jake Gyllenhaal).

It's not a version of grief any of the dearly departed would want for their loved ones.

Widowed after a car accident killed his wife Julia (Heather Lind), the young banker is left with a numbness he can't shake.

He's not just numb about his high-flying job at the bank, where his father-in-law Phil (Chris Cooper) also happens to be the boss, or his covetable home and possessions, he's also indifferent to Julia's death and unmoved by his colleagues and loved ones' needs for him to heal, or at least heal in a way they understand.

The only person who penetrates his apathetic exterior is Karen (Naomi Watts).

As the customer services



From left, Black Panther/T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman), Vision (Paul Bettany), Iron Man/Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), Black Widow/Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson), and War Machine/James Rhoddy (Don Cheadle) in Captain America: Civil War; inset, Jake Gyllenhaal as Davis in Demolition

representative for a vending machine company, Karen receives a letter of complaint from Davis about the machine in the hospital which gobbled his money, but didn't give him his goods on the night of his wife's death.

But while he writes about the complaint, he also expands on his life and loss, until eventually his letters become increasingly confessional in tone to the point where Karen and Davis meet and strike a friendship.

While sentimentality could be rife, *Demolition* avoids it largely due to the welcome flashes of humour and thoughtful performances from Gyllenhaal and his young co-star Lewis.

Cake Bookworm

Digital vs Human: How We'll Live, Love, And Think In The Future by Richard Watson is published in paperback by Scribe, priced £14.99 (ebook £6.71)

IT'S fitting that futurist Richard Watson kicks off this tome with a quote from former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, as he certainly comes out fighting. An expert in predicting global trends, the author's advice is sought by Coca-Cola, IBM, Shell, McDonald's and the Ministry of Defence. Here, he warns most of us live in a digital bubble as part of a world that is becoming machine-centric and technology-driven. In financial markets, the digital revolution is turning the economy into "a winner-takes-all online casino". More worryingly, love and compassion can't be programmed into a machine, so, in a future of software which writes its own code, will we remember to cater for these most basic of human needs?

When She Was Bad by Tammy Cohen is published in paperback by Black Swan, priced £6.99 (ebook £4.99)

HOW well do you know your colleagues? You may have forged good friendships in the workplace, but this psychological thriller from Tammy Cohen will have you questioning everyone you know. What are they hiding? Who are they really? When She Was Bad takes place in the UK and America. It is told from the perspectives of the main characters and initially it's hard to tell how the two storylines will come together. The UK side focuses on life in a recruitment agency, while the American side describes an investigation into a 'House of Horror'. Tammy Cohen will keep you guessing right to the end, and just when you think you've worked out what is going on, you'll change your mind again. A must-read for fans of psychological crime thrillers.

Hitman Anders And The Meaning Of It All by Jonas Jonasson is published in paperback by Fourth Estate, priced £8.99 (ebook £4.99)

TAKE a disillusioned hotel receptionist, an embittered former priest and a recently released hitman and what do you get? Yet another madcap tale from one of Sweden's most popular literary exports, Jonas Jonasson, the author of *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out Of The Window And Disappeared*. Per Persson has a relatively uneventful life as receptionist at the Sea Point Hotel until the notorious hitman Anders takes board at his hotel. But, lapsed priest Johanna Kjellander has other ideas, spotting a gap in the market for hitman services. It all goes swimmingly for the new business trio until Hitman Anders turns his back on violence. Although fun, the plot does become a bit long-winded and the novel suffers as a result.

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Banbury Restore Volunteer Interest Evening: The Warehouse, 28 Calthorpe Street, Banbury. Volunteers needed to support people recovering from mental health problems. 4pm. Free. 01865 455821.

Cassiopeia African Drumming Workshops: Memorial Hall, Christchurch, Upper High Street, Thame. West African drumming playing rhythms on djembe and dunduns. 7.30pm. 07917 673692.

Smashing Physics: Crown & Thistle, Bridge Street, Abingdon. Prof Jon Butterworth from UCL visits the ATOM Society. He will discuss how we do physics at the 'energy frontier' and what we have learned from it – including the discovery of the Higgs boson and what that means. 7.30pm. £3 non-members, free to members.

The Great Barn Wedding Fair/Open Evening: The Great Barn, Upper Aynho Grounds, Aynho. 6pm. Free. 01869 810823.

FRIDAY

Country & Western Dance: Carterton Social Centre, Brownes Lane, Carterton. Dancing to Country Law Band. 8.30pm. £6. 01993 850682.

Dance and Movement – Over 50 Years: Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot. 2pm. £4 per session, pay as you go. 01235 515144.

SATURDAY

150 Squadron 75th Anniversary Reunion: 150 (Oxford) Sqn Air Cadets, Marston Road, Oxford. For all ex-cadets/staff who have been part of 150 Sqn over the last 75 years or part of 150 A.D.C.C. 2.30pm. Donations. 01865 722202.

5th Witney Round Table Beer Festival: St Mary's Church, Church Green, Witney. With live music and all funds raised going to local charities. <http://www.witneybeerpestival.com> 12pm. £6 for a glass & two half-pint tokens. 01993 700000.

Blue Electric Day: Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. Come and join us for an ride on our resident 3-CEP EMU No.1198 Linda the Lymington Flyer will be taking trips along the line to and from Thame Junction using power provided by our Class 08 locomotive No.08825. Children pay £1 when accompanied by a fare-paying adult. 10am. Adult £11, senior £10, child £1. 07979 055366.

Carterton Lions Charity Car Boot Sale: Carterton Recreation Ground, Alvescot Road, Carterton. 8am. Shoppers free, pitches £6 and £12. 01993 772241.

Craft swap: No Two Things, Broadway, Didcot. Bring unwanted craft materials, craft tools, craft books, craft magazines etc and take away someone else's unwanted items. All free no money involved. 10am. 01235 511550.

Free Tai Chi & Qi Gong in the Park – World Tai Chi & Qi Gong Day: South Park, Morrell Avenue, Oxford. Free Qi Gong (Chinese Yoga) and Tai Chi from Wudang mountain in China. 10am-1pm. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1138201419526029/> Free.

GWR 175th Anniversary Steam Gala: Didcot Railway Centre, Entrance through Didcot Parkway Railway station, Didcot. Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Great Western Railway from London to Bristol in 1841. 10.30am. £15 adult, £11 child. 01235 817200.

Meet The Artist – Linda Benton: No Two Things, Broadway, Didcot. Artist Linda Benton will colour in a commission bag funded by Didcot Chamber of Commerce. The bag is available for £10

or £15 with fabric pens. 2pm. Free. 01235 511550.

Ramblers walk: Cowleaze Wood, car park, Watlington. 4½ mile walk, spending time discussing geology, history, flora and fauna of the area. Bring picnic lunch. 10am. 01865 423555.

Spring Jousting Event: Blenheim Palace, Woodstock. Jousting tournament on the South Lawn featuring The Knights of Royal England plus falconry displays, archery, puppet shows and jesters. 10am. Entry with a valid Park and Gardens ticket or Annual Pass.

Car boot sale: The Red Lion, Standlake Road, Northmoor. 9am. 01865 300301.

Witney Buttercross Sugarcraft Club: Village Hall, Standlake Road, Ducklington. 2pm. Members £3, visitors £5. 01993 705508.

Yarn Shop Day: No Two Things, Broadway, Didcot. Try out knitting or crochet. 10am. Free. 0123 511550.

SUNDAY

17th Annual Abingdon Air & Country Show: Abingdon Airfield, off Barrow Lane, Shipton. Flying and static aircraft, historic vehicles, craft marquee, trade stalls, arena demos, children's amusements, live music, on-site catering and bar. In support of local Thames Valley Air Ambulance Trust. 10am. £17.50 (£12 in advance), OAP £12 (£8 in advance). 07769 689823.

Brilliant Bees: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, Abingdon. Make a bee hotel or diner to take home for your garden. 10am. £4 suggested donation per child. 01865 407792.

Ewelme Watercress Beds Nature Reserve morning guided walk: Ewelme Watercress Centre, The Street, Ewelme. 2pm. £3, children free.

Faringdon Folly Tower Open:

Faringdon Folly Tower and Woodland, Stanford Road, Faringdon. 11am. Adults £3, 11-16s £1, Under 11s free.

Flea Market and Collectors Fair: Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, Old Didcot Road Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Wallingford. 10am. Buyers entry: 50p. 01491 833938.

Big Breakfast: Glympton Village Hall, Main Street, Glympton, Woodstock. Everyone welcome. Proceeds to heart charity and village hall. 8am. 01993 811486.

Great Rollright Yard Sale: High Street, Great Rollright. Start at the village hall where you will find parking, pick up a map of the 15+ houses taking part and set off round the village at your leisure to grab a bargain or two. For the Great Rollright Baby and Toddler Group. 10am. Free. 01608 730578.

Teddy Bear Days: Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. Bring your Teddy Bear or any other plush animal along and when an accompanying adult pays their appropriate fare, then one child aged 3-15 years and their Teddy will travel free. 10am. Adult £11, Senior £10, Child free. 07979 055366.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Church, Charlton on Otmoor. SP562159 3.5 miles. A flat walk on Otmoor, going east towards the Roman road at the centre of Otmoor and returning near the New River Ray cut. Pub in Charlton at the end of walk. Assistance dogs only. 10.30am. 01865 371985.

Witney Giant Afternoon Boot Sale: Ducklington Showground, A415 Standlake Road, Ducklington. 10am. 07974 056379.

MONDAY

Carterton May Day Fair & Car Boot Sale: Carterton Recreation Ground, Alvescot Road, Carterton. 11am. Free.

Coffee morning: St Olave's Church, North Street, Fritwell. 9am. Free. 07986 520553.

Green Fingers Day at Cogges:

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Cogges Manor Farm, Church Lane, Witney. A day of practical workshops, demonstrations, talks and activities dedicated to your garden. 10am. £6/4.50. 01993 772602.

May Festival: Chalgrove Playing Fields, High Street, Chalgrove. 11am. Free. 0778 1345957.

Mums Meet Mondays: Rugrats and Halfpints, Beaumont Road, Banbury. 9.30am. £1 per child. 01295 250060.

National Gardens Scheme: Sparsholt Manor, Wantage. Lakes and wildfowl: ancient boxwood, wilderness with walkways and summer borders. Limited wheelchair access. Dogs on leads. Teas. 2pm. Adult £3, children free.

Ramblers walk: Stokenchurch, Kings Hotel car park, Stokenchurch. 6½ mile undulating walk in the area. 10am. 01844 208517.

Sulgrave Manor May Day: Sulgrave

Manor, Manor Road, Sulgrave, Banbury.

May pole dancing for all ages. Crowning of the May Queen, fun dog show, craft and food stalls. 10am. Adults £4, children £2, families £10. 01295 760205.

TUESDAY

Short Drag Roger: Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh. Short Drag Roger is a shanty singing group who will be giving an illustrated talk on the history of the shanty. 7.30pm. £4 visitors, members free. 01993 882301.

Watercolour for improvers: No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. A four-week course with Rosie Jackson-Kilham to help you advance life as a watercolour painter – some knowledge required. 10am. £40. 01235 511550.

WEDNESDAY

Adoption Information Evening: Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot. See <https://www.adoption-focus.org.uk/Event/oxfordshire-region>. 6pm. 0845 519 0539.

Learn to read a sewing pattern: No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. 7.30pm. £5. 01235511550.

Mindfulness Skills for Every Day Life course: The Clifton Centre,

Ashdene Road, Bicester. A six-week course exploring the key concepts of Mindfulness. See [www.bicestermindfulness.co.uk](http://bicestermindfulness.co.uk). 7.30pm. £130. 07917 453224.

Sod 70! The guide to living well in middle age and beyond: John Henry Lecture Theatre, Campus Gipsy Lane, Oxford. One of the UK's leading public health experts Sir Muir Gray will explain how the steps you take in late middle age can help you to live a longer and healthier old age. 6pm. Free. 01865 484846.

The Restoration of the Cotswold Canals: The Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock. Liz Payne. 7.30pm.

Free to members, £2 guests.

Music

THURSDAY

St Mary's Church, Burford Road, Black Bourton, Bampton: Ben Holder Jazz Quartet. 10. 7pm.

The Bullring, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: The Beach, Adam French, Rukhsana Merrise, Matt Woods. Package tour of new singer-songwriters. 7.30pm. £8.

The Fishes, North Hinksey Village, Oxford: Funkbrother and the Sisters of

Soul. Funk, soul, blues and disco. 8-11pm. Free.

Fat Lil's, 64a Corn Street, Witney: Don Gallardo and Danni Nicholls. Americana-country-soul singer-songwriter. 8pm. £10.

FRIDAY

Angel, Market Square, Witney: Steve Ashall. Free. 9pm. 01993 703238.

General Foods Social Club, Spiceball Park, Banbury: Jamie Felton. Young vocal guitarist. 8pm. 01295 252852.

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford: Oboist Nicholas Daniel and Charles Owen. £10-£42. 7.30pm. 01865 244806.

St Simon and St Jude's Church, Church Road, Milton under Wychwood: Michael Bochmann Concert. International violinist accompanied on the piano by Marcel Zidani. Adults £10. Children free. 7pm. 01993 830160.

The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer. Oxford Folk Club. £6. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Cleft, Kind Eyes, Kancho. Turbo-prog and hardcore duos. 8pm. £6.

The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford: Ghosts In The

Photographs, Neon Teepee, Violent Chimes, Dear Hero, Stolby. Rock. 7pm. £6.

Art Jericho, 6 King Street, Oxford: Water Pageant. Electro-dream-folk duo launch their debut album, Outlines, with support from Sylvia Kay. 7.30pm. £6 (5%).

SATURDAY

Carpenters Arms, Newland, Witney: Joe Holic. Free. 9pm. 07885 632845.

Carterton Social Club, Brownes Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton: Real ale, cider and music festival. Music includes Britpop Boys, Young Vintage, Jamie R Hawkins, Fracture, Homer, Ten Tog King, Ray Jones Band, and James Morgan. 12pm. Free. 01993 846788.

Cricketers, Temple Road, Cowley: InSync. Male duo. Free. 9pm. 01865 718459.

Horseshoes, Bridge Street, Bampton: Darren Hunt. Free. 9pm. 01993 209052.

The Bear Inn, 6 Alfred Street, Oxford: May Morning With Murray Torkildsen. Singer-songwriter. Free. 9pm. 01865 728164.

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Primavera (Latin Spring). Manos pa' Arriba and Ran Kan Kan. £10 (advance), £8 (concs), £12 (door price). 8pm. 01865 305305.

White Hart, Godstow Road, Wolvercote: The Summits. Local male duo. Free. 9pm. 01865 511978.

Red Lion, The Square, Eynsham: Texas Ghost Train. Rhythm and blues. 9-11.30pm. Free.

Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock: Zefrones. Three-piece band. 8.30pm. Free, donations welcome. 01993 812094.

SUNDAY

Bicester Services Club, Sheep Street, Bicester: Jamie Felton. Vocal guitarist. 5pm. 01869 245367.

Ferryman Inn, Bablock Hythe, Northmoor: Joe Holic. Free. 8.30pm. 01865 880028.

The Fishes, North Hinksey Village, Oxford: Funkbrother and the Sisters of

Abingdon: Alvin Roy's Reeds Unlimited. 5pm. Free.

The Bear Inn, 6 Alfred Street, Oxford: May Morning With John Otway.

Punk icon and legend John Otway launches his Kickstarter campaign for his new album to be recorded in September. Free. 6am. 01865 728164.

Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford: Bellowhead Farewell Tour.

Eleven-piece folk group. 8pm.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: The Mighty Redox. All original psycho-electric rock. 6.30am. Free.

Oxford Wine Café, 38 South Parade, Summertown, Oxford:

Stewart Curtis and his Brass Bottom Quartet. Jazz. 6.30-9pm. Free.

TUESDAY

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: The Stuart Henderson Quartet. Trumpet-led jazz. 8.30pm. Free.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Jeffrey Lewis & Los Bolts, Roz Plain. Cult New York antifolk star and comic book artist. 7.30pm. £9.90 (adv), £13 (std).

The Half Moon, 18 St Clements, Oxford: Time Is Of The Essence. Jazz quartet. 9pm. Free.

WEDNESDAY

The Queen's College, Chapel, High Street, Oxford: Organ Recital Series. Jason Richards (Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum of Dean Close Preparatory School). Free with a retiring collection. 1.10pm. 01865 279120.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: The Bluetones. Indie/ Britrock band. 7.30pm. £21.

Theatre

Glee Club, Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford: Apr 28, Simon Bird. 7pm. £14. Apr 30, Phil Nichol, Paul Myrehaug, Dave Twentyman and Gary Little. 7.15pm. £14.50. 0871 472 0407.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Apr 25-30, King Lear. With Michael Pennington. 7.30pm. £15-£31. May 4-7, The Fairy Queen. Henry Purcell's playful reworking of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. 7.30pm. £11.50-£18. 01865 305305.

Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, Oxford: Apr 28, Stones In His Pockets. A quiet Irish village community is turned upside down with the arrival of a Hollywood film crew, looking for the 'real' Ireland for their latest schmaltzy blockbuster. 7.30pm. £13, £9 concs, £6 under 18s. 01865 812150.

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Apr 27, The Dreamboys. 7.30pm. £21.65-£28.65 plus £2.85 transaction fee. Apr 28, Tell Me On A Sunday. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's classic musical. 7.30pm. £27.40-£33.90 plus £4 transaction fee. Apr 30-May 1, My First Ballet: Sleeping Beauty. Various times. £12.90-£28.90 plus £4 transaction fee. 0844 871 3020.

Simpkins Lee Theatre, Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford: May 4-6, Melted Butter. PRAXIS, introduces contemporary Greek theatre. By Sakis Serafas. A psychological, black comedy touching upon what drives humans into violence. 8pm. £11 (£7). 07949 474966.

Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot: Apr 29, Rob Auton - The Water Show. Comedy. 8pm. £10 (£8). Apr 30. The Birthday Party. By Harold Pinter. London Classic Theatre. 7.30pm. £16 (£14). 01235 515144.

Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: Apr 29, Rob Beckett: Mouth of the South. 7.45pm. £15.50 (£13.50). 01608 642350.

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George Grieve, the youngest player in Banbury's first XV this season, came through the colts set-up
Picture: Simon Grieve

Youth drive is paying off

Kerr's happy to reap benefits of Colts set-up

HEAD coach James Kerr says Banbury will not change their mantra of bringing youngsters through to their first team, writes JACK JOHNSON.

The Midlands 2 West (South) and Oxfordshire Cup winners made the most of the talent that has come through their colts team this season.

Out of the 32 players who have played for the Bulls first XV, 24 came through their youth set-up.

George Grieve, still a colt at the age of 18, is the youngest, while Rory Dymond is the oldest at 35.

Captain Ed Phillips is also among them and led the Bulls to their first county triumph in 16 years when they beat Henley Bulls last month.

Kerr said: "Our squad is a nucleus of Banbury youngsters.

"Something like 75 per cent of the squad has come through the colts set-up and we will continue to source a lot of talent from that pool to make sure when we achieve success that it is sustainable."

2015/16 BULLS PLAYERS WHO STARTED IN COLTS SET-UP

Bannister, Boyle, Burge, Carr-Archer, Castle, Daniels, Deegan, Dymond, Fox, Gandy, Goode, Grieve, Heywood, Isham, Jacob Mills, Joe Mills, S Mills, Nutt,

O'Dwyer, Page, C Phillips, E Phillips, Stevenson, Walsh.

● BANBURY hosted the RFU Girls National Cup finals on Sunday.

Newark pipped Winscombe on the final play to win 17-14 in the under 15 final at Bodicote Park.

In the under 18 showpiece, Pulborough came from behind to defeat Worcester 36-20.

● BANBURY are also hosting Oxfordshire's home game against Buckinghamshire in the County Championship Shield on Saturday, May 7.

Their other two games in Pool 1 are away to Warwickshire and Essex.

Puritans seal second spot

BANBURY United secured second place in Division 1 South & West of the Evo-Stik Southern League with a 2-0 victory over close rivals Taunton Town on Saturday.

The result guaranteed home ties in the play-offs, starting with the semi-final against Winchester City, which took place after this newspaper went to press.

Felipe Barcelos and Zac McEachran struck in the first half against Taunton.

Division 1 South & West (Final table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ginderford Tn	42	29	9	4	80	29	96
Banbury Utd	42	28	10	4	97	38	94
Taunton Tr	42	27	8	7	94	34	89
Swindon S'maine	42	27	6	9	81	42	87
Wincheste City	42	24	11	7	97	49	83
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Bishops Cleeve	42	14	13	15	55	66	55
Marlow	42	15	7	20	68	79	52
Mangotsfield	42	12	12	18	59	65	48
AFC Totton	42	14	6	22	73	81	48
Yate Trn	42	12	11	19	48	62	47
Wimborne Trn	42	12	8	22	65	80	44
Slimbridge	42	10	12	20	46	57	42
Bridgwater Trn	42	9	7	26	42	83	34
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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

Travel is being planned, but just check what you have already spent last week my friend. It could be that you have to delay your plans in order to do them in the style you sign demands. A new face in the workplace links to a change you have long desired, but so far never been able to achieve. Ring now to hear whose flirtations are to be taken more seriously this week.

0906 585 4360

TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

More people than you think are watching what you say and do, so try not to act in a way you will regret later. Your life is changing on so many levels as you enter May and it's important you maintain control and don't allow others to take it from you. You're particularly susceptible to emotional blackmail. Beware. Ring now so I can teach you how to keep full control.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

You have had to invest some financial capital in something you have not really wanted to invest in. Bide your time and do a little more research, as aspects suggest that with a few more conversations you can find a happy medium to suit all parties. Cash flow could be a problem, so only comment to what is most important. Ring now to hear which career path can bring riches.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

The need to get out and blow off some steam is strong in your chart. Try too though Cancer to make some limits this week for some heart to hearts and one to one talks. It's the key to you and a close one getting back on track. Problems in the workplace on Friday are actually your chance to shine, so embrace them. Ring now so we can make the most of 2016.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Family are really important to a Leo such as you and yet you've been forced to question just how much loyalty certain close ones really have for you. Try to talk to them and not third parties to reveal what's really been going on behind closed doors. It's sure to see you ending this week feeling much closer together. Ring now to hear why an ex is not to be encouraged in the days ahead.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

You will be meeting with some really strong characters who are sure to have a very dramatic effect on both your heart and head. In fact, your social life has not looked good this week. You have a change of heart about something which could cost you more than you thought to get out of, but which is sure to be worth cutting your losses on. Call now so we can make your future a great one.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

There was a time when you thought you knew what you wanted, but the last three months' events have really thrown your life into disarray. Try to think outside the box and look for new dreams and ambitions, as I can see you're outgrown many of your old ones. Someone in the family has your back in an issue you have found hard to handle on your own. Ring now for your full forecast.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Although you may only have your loved ones' best interests at heart, this may be a week where you are better to let them make their own mistakes. You should have learnt by now that a sign such as you chooses equally stubborn friends and lovers, so grant them their freedom if you want them to return to you. Ring now to hear places near water can bring you closer to hearing a truth.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

You have to judge new facts quickly and quickly allow them time to reveal themselves at their own pace. This week, some new strong and lasting friendships will be made, but your need to rush is only going to cause problems for you. Younger people prove expensive but are sure to remember your kindness as the year goes on. Ring now to talk about a lie which was told.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

I know you are feeling let down and chastened, but I also know you care and should move on if that is what your heart is telling you to do. Friends may tell you to be patient, but you are the one who must live your life and with the choices you make, so think with your own heart and mind. Rumours in the workplace are likely to be just idle gossip. Ring now to hear great things await this year.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

You are worrying about those whose fate is out of your control, so it is no wonder that you are feeling frustrated. From Thursday, you start to see with ease where your time and energy is best spent and you must act on what you are feeling. A new face in the workplace leads the way for some really important changes you can and should be making. Ring now for a revelation in love.

0906 585 4370

PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

Old friends prove to be great confidantes for you. Over the coming days you will be bouncing some really great ideas off them. Travel plans are in the making and, for once, you can afford to dream big as the stars have your back to make the next twelve months some of your most adventurous yet. Ring now to hear why it's worth putting in overtime at work this week.

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ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

People will go nuts for our place

FRESH donuts and artisan coffee have arrived in Banbury. I'm really proud to have finally opened the doors of Hoops in Banbury. I've watched an idea which was just fluttering around with the million other things in my head – all those things which any working, family man who just hit his 40s, has to think about. From there it has grown slowly, and with difficulty at times, to become a reality. But here we are now, open to the public and sharing my tastes and standards for great donuts and coffee.

I got the idea from a combination of tasting great donuts on a family holiday to America and great coffee on business trips to London. They were just meant to be together and I wanted to introduce them.

Without my wife and friends, and the new friends I've made along the way, this would probably have stopped at about this point. But I now feel we have the most fantastic artisan coffee and light cake donuts which when paired together, and served by our awesome Hoops team, are something I'm very excited about.

The Hoops coffee is wood-roasted in Oxfordshire and served by our trained baristas and well... if you like your coffee, you really should try it. It is ethically sourced, being organic, Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance and is also available to buy as whole bean or ground if you want to make your own at home.

Our donuts are made fresh throughout the day on site; the ingredients are all natural, all vegetarian and all from the UK. They are crispy on the outside, fluffy in the middle and made to order to your own personal taste. Next, you choose an icing, then a topping – my personal



favourite flavour is chocolate and caramelised hazelnut, but the vanilla and multi-coloured sprinkles always wins my children's vote.

We tried to use local companies to help us to get the shop up and running. The shop fit is by Cotswold Stone and Lime, the branding by Mark-making; both of Chipping Norton. The signage is by Dijon Designs of Deddington, the packaging from the Bag'n'Box Man in Adderbury, the equipment from Thames Valley Catering in Bloxham and Callebaut of Banbury helped us to source some great ingredients.

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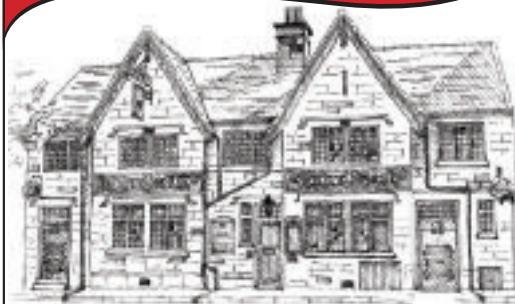
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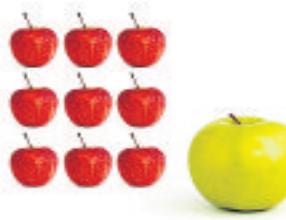
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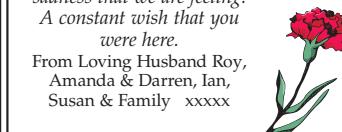
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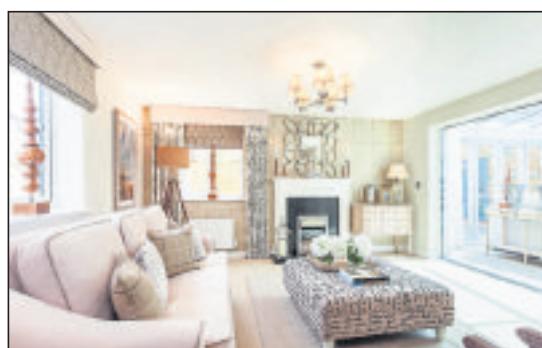
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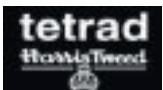
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Vitara S delivers value for money

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A FEW words spring to mind when you think of Suzuki cars – but edgy, mean and moody are not among them.

The motor brand specialises in producing thoroughly sensible, practical and economical cars.

But now you can add a sporty new model to the range – and a new adjective – sexy.

The Vitara S model aims to add a bit of dynamism and flair to the range with the debut of a new 1.4-litre engine for Suzuki, offering a triple benefit of increased power and torque and reduced fuel consumption.

The trim includes gloss black 17-inch alloy wheels, a vertical grille design, rear upper spoiler, satin silver door mirrors and red interior stitching.

The Hungarian-built S model also uses LED headlamps with red projector covers that add to the sporty impression.

The dashboard is dominated by a large touchscreen that controls everything from a smartphone link, to the DAB digital audio and satellite navigation systems and does away with the plethora of buttons that cover some consoles.

Standard safety equipment includes seven airbags, as well as seat belt pre-tensioners and force limiters. Part of the advanced safety equipment includes a radar brake support system which constantly watches for the risk of a low-speed bump with the vehicle in front.

At higher speeds, it sounds a buzzer and also flashes up a warning. If it decides the probability of a collision has increased, the system automatically increases the braking force during emergency braking and if the system determines that a collision is unavoidable, it applies the brakes automatically.

You can pick one of four modes at the flick of a switch from

AUTO FACTS

Model: Suzuki Vitara S
Price: £20,899
Insurance group: 21
Fuel consumption (Combined): 52.3mpg
Top speed: 124mph
Length: 417.5cm/164.4in
Width: 177.5cm/70in
Luggage capacity: 13.3 cu ft
Fuel tank capacity: 13.2 gallons/47 litres
CO2 emissions: 127g/km
Warranty: Three years/62,137 miles (100,000km)



auto, which uses two-wheel-drive for day-to-day economical driving, to sport that makes the most of four-wheel-drive. Snow mode is suited to unpaved and other slippery surfaces, and lock mode is for extricating the car from snow, mud, or sand. A limited slip differential helps brake any slipping wheel and transfer torque to the gripping wheels. In addition, hill hold control makes hill starts much easier by stopping the car from rolling backwards for two seconds as soon as take your foot off the brake and hill descent control applies the brakes when the car is travelling on a downward slope.

So the Vitara S backs up purposeful looks with the ability to deliver – on and off-road.

Replica classic cars

Enjoy the prestige, if not the power

CAN a replica of an iconic car ever be as satisfying or as pure to drive as an original, and are replicas just lookalikes, not faithful reproductions?

The classic car world buzzes with rare cars that sell for huge amounts of money. As these desirable cars are ever-more out of the reach of normal car fans, the market for replicas has expanded greatly. You can choose lookalikes of anything from a tiny Porsche 356 Speedster to the fearsome Ford GT40 that won Le Mans four times in a row. A little knowledge is essential when choosing the right reproduction of your ultimate dream car. If you know the history

and specification of an AC Cobra, it will help you choose the replica that is closest in look and construction to your desired car.

There are plenty of kit cars and replica builders out there happy to help you realise your fantasy, but you have to establish a clear idea of what you want. So, research is your best friend at the start of the process, but what next? Now is the time to start visiting companies that will help you achieve the dream of owning a car that looks and goes like the real thing. It's easier with some replicas, than others.

The more modern and complicated the real car, the harder it will be to copy from more humble parts. The dream is still possible, but will require lateral thought, like the Lamborghini Diablo replica builders who use a BMW V12 instead of the Italian motor as it's massively cheaper to buy, but offers plenty of power and the right sound.

It comes down to how dedicated you are to the detail and how desperately you want your replica to be like the real thing.

Bear in mind a replica will seldom be worth as much as you spend on it. So a little compromise is sensible to enjoy a car with all of the style, if not the performance, of your dream classic.

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■ JOHN McGuinness has been awarded the Segrave Trophy by the Royal Automobile Club, in recognition of his motorcycling prowess and consistent triumphs on the Isle of Man. The 43-year-old from Lancashire – known as the Morecambe Mississ – attended a luncheon at the Royal Automobile Club's premises in Pall Mall in Central London. The Segrave Trophy is awarded by the Royal Automobile Club to someone who demonstrates "outstanding skill and courage, on land, sea or in the air".

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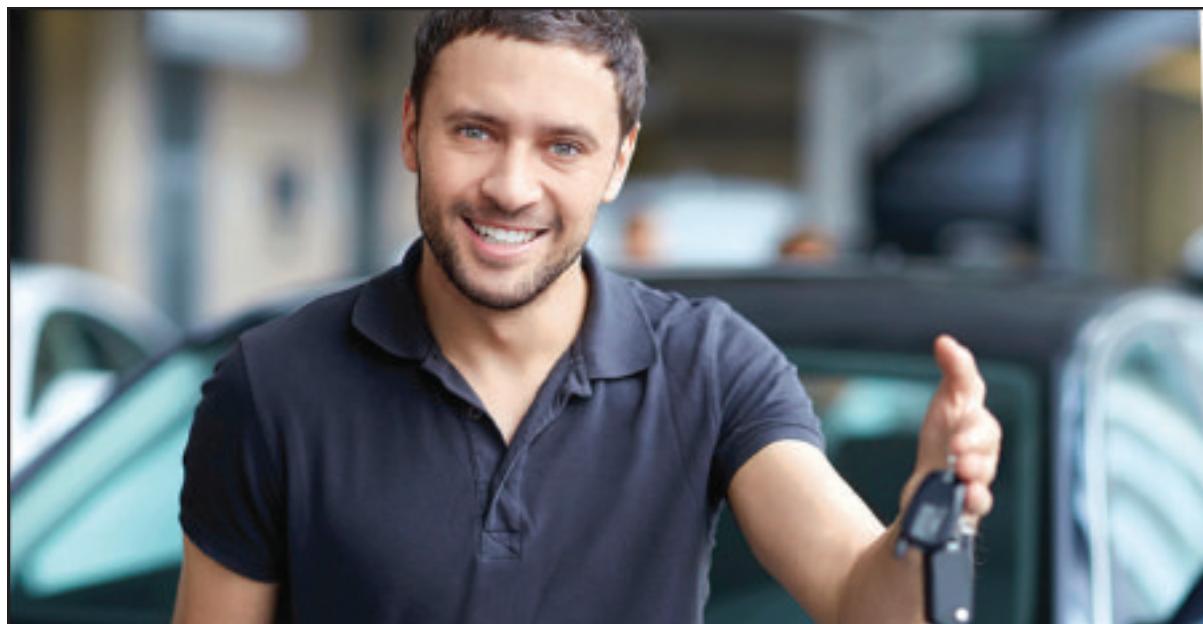


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